

## A GOOD NAME RESTORED.

By W. R. Rose.

The balmy air of the south of France did wonders for Dunham Greer when he once began to climb the upward path to health. Within a week after he pushed aside his invalid chair he was able to walk a mile or more with but little fatigue. This emboldened him to try still larger excursions, long jaunts which were made in defiance of the old doctor's warnings.

"Don't punish nature too hard, my boy," he warned Dunham. "She's the most patient and enduring of pack-horses, but when she balks it's a mighty serious matter. Go slow, my lad, and she'll bring you through beautifully."

But Dunham was a little headstrong, and one sunny afternoon nature balked. He had tramped alone up among the blue hills with his sunny, vine-clad slopes, and had lost his way. He wandered on and on, until, suddenly, he quite collapsed. When he realized where he was, he found himself lying in the warm grass at the foot of a great tree, perhaps a half dozen yards from the highway. He was still faint and weak, and he found it quite impossible to rise. He made one abortive effort and then lay quite still and stared at the piling sky. He saw that the sun was rapidly going down, and he indifferently wondered how soon he would be found. Once or twice he again tried to rise, but somehow he couldn't get his muscles to back up his desire.

Presently he heard a light whistle rapidly growing louder, the whistle of somebody who was approaching.

"There's no foreign twang to that pipe," murmured Dunham to himself, with a pleased smile.

"Monseur!" he called.

"Hello!" came a startled voice as the whistle stopped, and a moment later an eager face bent above Dunham.

It was a strong, sun-browned face, the face of a finely developed man of nearly thirty. "What's wrong?" he anxiously asked.

"Overtraining, I guess," laughed Dunham.

"Too light a diet, perhaps," said the stranger as he studied Dunham's appearance. "Collapsed, eh? Strayed away from the hotel, of course, and fell by the wayside. They do that, you know. Legs no good; back as bad as legs. Lucky thing for you, old man, that I came along. Might have been hard to find you by lantern light. Here, there's no help for it. I'll have to take you on my back down to the hotel."

Before Dunham could frame a protest the stout stranger had gently raised him and backed him against the tree and then turning suddenly had caught him around the legs and hoisted him on to his broad back and at once stepped off briskly.

"Hold tight," he said as he plodded down the gentle incline. "And kick your intelligent beast in the ribs if the pace grows irksome."

"You are very strong," said Dunham admiringly, "and you know how to use your muscles. You have had some training, haven't you?"

"Four years of it," answered the stranger. "In the gym, on the gridiron and the track."

"Ah, I thought so!" cried Dunham. "I felt sure you must be a college man, I'm Dunham Greer, Harvard, '97."

"Greer, the plucky hundred yards man!" cried the stranger. "I've heard of you all right. Glad to know you." And he gave Dunham's calves a friendly squeeze.

"And you?" asked Dunham.

"I'm Tripp, '93," he brusquely answered.

"Not Benton Tripp, the hammer thrower and shot putter?" cried Dunham.

"Benton Tripp," said the stranger shortly. Then he harshly added, "Did you ever hear of me since I quit college?"

"No," said Dunham wonderingly.

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Dunham's bright eyes regarded him steadily, and he moistened his lips and went on. "My home is up in New Hampshire, and when I left college my relatives thought it would be fine to secure me a place in the local bank. It was a mistake. I wasn't fitted for the work. I had strong business instincts. The restraints of a teller's position was irksome to me. The salary was small, but that didn't worry me. There was all I needed for my personal wants. But I studied the markets early and late, and I knew that with a little assistance I could bring handsome yields from small investments. I was wild to speculate in something. One day I was sent to Boston on the bank's business and overheard a conversation in the train that convinced me a certain section of land in the city might speedily be utilized for railway purposes. Filled with the idea of a successful speculation I hurried to the owners of the apparently waste land adjoining the railway section and secured an option on it for thirty days.

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with that old flint myself." And he chuckled slightly.

He saw and talked with Benton alone. When they parted, he turned to Dunham. "Good stuff in the lad yet," he said. "Tells me he has never gambled a cent's worth at Monaco. Going to leave there to-morrow and is coming over here. I'll write to Breed to-night and have him jab a sharp pole at that old hornet of a Pringle."

And so the next morning a letter went forth from the Front hotel addressed to Hon. J. Bullington Breed, the eminent counselor at law, whose glittering shingle hangs high on Broadway. An answer came in due course of time, an answer that made the usually phlegmatic financier chuckle with delight.

"Call up your friend, Dunny," he said. "I've got some news for him."

It was good news, of course. Lawyer Breed, backed by divers causes, had put the screws to the flinty Pringle to excellent purpose.

"He's going to publish a statement over his own name in the home papers that your trouble with the bank was all due to an unfortunate misunderstanding and that your good name has been handsomely re-established. Further than this he has paid over to you a neat sum of money, representing one-half the profits arising from the sale of the land that brought about your trouble on one condition—no publicity is to be made of the story. Ain't Breed a hummer?" And he laughed again.

Benton took the good news very gravely.

"What will you do now?" Dunham asked him as he pressed his hand.

"Get back to God's country as soon as I can," he replied.

"Going home?"

"No," said Benton. "It's home no longer. I'll go to New York and start in afresh." He turned to Dunham's father. "How can I thank you?" he said.

"Pooh, pooh!" growled the capitalist.

"Don't thank me. I'm no sentimentalist. I should have been as hard on you as old Pringle, I suppose. Thank Dunny."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.**

**Water-Corrosion of Glass—Motion of Dissolving Crystals—Protective Packing—Photographs on Uncoated Metals—The Greatest Polar Problem—Automatic Train—Saving Electric Waterproofing—Spinning Machines of Ants.**

Workers in glass, especially opticians, are warned that certain kinds of glass appear to be so soluble in water that moisture quickly etches the surface, and destroys the transparency. Mr. E. Monday, of Decca College, East Bengal, reports having noticed the dull appearance of a cut wine-glass and of finger bowls in which water had been allowed to stand, also the spotting of two decanters which had been dried after partial draining. These effects were all due to water-etching. This explains the rapid deterioration of optical apparatus in the moist climate of India, and proof that the fault is in the kind of glass used is furnished by the object-glass of a 3½-inch telescope, the inner surface of the convex lens being badly corroded, while the adjacent face of the concave lens was quite clear.

The motion of camphor in water is well known. A German chemist, K. Schaum, has taken such readily soluble substances as potassium, cyanide, potassium nitrate, silver nitrate, calcium chloride, potassium permanganate and sugar, and has studied their travels in dissolving by dropping single crystals upon mercury covered by water or dilute acid. The movements—greater in dilute acid than in water—are very characteristic. The crystal first takes a zigzag course, then changes to a circular path and finally turns rapidly on its axis. The rate of motion varies with the rate of solution and the surface tension of the mercury.

The new method of packing used for shipments of butter from Melbourne to Kimberley is recommended for delicate articles in general. The box is made from six panes of window glass, closed at the edges with gummed paper, and this is given a heat-insulating covering of plaster of paris, the whole being wrapped in waterproof paper.

The curious fact is noted by a French observer that nightingales devour the drones of a hive, without harming the workers.

An interesting discovery that has been forgotten for more than half a century was lately brought to notice by Major General J. Waterhouse. In 1842 Moser found that silver, like its compounds, is sensitive to light, and that a distinct image could be formed on a clean silver plate by exposing to sunlight for two or three hours behind a black tablet, with cut-out characters, and then developing over mercury vapor. He obtained similar results with copper, concluding that all substances are changed by light. Taking up the investigation General Waterhouse has proven that the photographic image may be visible after exposure, but that whether visible or invisible, it is clearly brought out on metallic silver by mercury vapor or developing solutions acting on the silver. The photographic action on other metals, except lead, appears to be very slight, although not yet fully tested. Experiments thus far made indicate that the cause of the action cannot be heat or pressure, but that the effect is due to the blue and violet rays of light. Whether it is a result of oxidation is yet to be learned, apparently, pure silver. It is known, often containing occluded oxygen.

The importance of a magnetic survey in the vicinity of the magnetic poles seems to have been overlooked by explorers. Dr. Cook, of the Belgian Antarctic expedition, points out that a geographical survey is of far less consequence, though vastly more difficult, in the region of the poles. Even the position of the magnetic poles is yet to be fixed. Many years ago the

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**INTERNATIONAL S. S. LESSON** August 5, 1900. Matthew XVII, 1-14 Jesus and the Children.

The training of the Twelve made large drafts upon the endurance and tact of the Master. Their racial and hereditary misconception of his kingdom was the most difficult of eradication. He had just unveiled to them his Via Dolorosa, but, explicit though he had been, it seemed all to no purpose. They saw only a flower-strewn path to a glittering throne. And they wanted it quickly decided how they should stand relatively to each other and to that throne. . . . Before we are harsh with the disciples for their tardy approach to the true ideal of the kingdom, let it be remembered, they drank in their wrong notions with their mother's milk. Even Jesus could not easily train out of them ideas which had been trained into them for thirty years and more, and those the most impressive years of a human life. They were ideas, too, that were peculiarly consonant with their natural tastes and ambitions. . . . The Searcher of Hearts knew very well the subject of the unseemly controversy in which his disciples had engaged on the way to Capernaum. And they had perhaps separated from him on purpose "to have it out" among themselves—not yet having learned how naked and open all things were to him with whom they had to do. . . . It was the master-stroke of the Master-teacher, the placing of the child in the midst of his self-seeking disciples. The instant obedience the child rendered when called; the docility with which he stood where Jesus placed him; and, in the end, the swift with which he ran to receive and return the Savior's embrace, and all with a self-oblivion to which the question, "What shall I have for this?" never so much as occurred—there, as in a simple living tableau, the characteristics of the approved disciple stood forth, a snowy cameo on an inkly agate. . . . And from the acted parable, as was his wont, the Savior passed to earnest, practical discourse, in which the principles of his kingdom were still further developed and applied. . . . The conspicuous position to be accorded to childhood in the church is distinctly enunciated. If those like children are eligible to membership, then children themselves are already included. Jesus is childhood's Defender. He puts himself in the child's place. What you do of good or ill to the child, you do to him. . . . The immediate surrender of the dearest earthly ambitions inimical to the spirit of the heavenly kingdom is insisted upon in language of unsurpassed vigor. Better one hand, one foot, one eye, and— heaven, then two hands, two feet, two eyes, and—hell! . . . The vivacious discourse closes aptly with a picture of the Good Shepherd going out with infinite sacrifice, pains, and persistence, to seek for one lost sheep. . . . The lovely tapestry of the homily to the Twelve is shot again and again with the golden thread of the Master's particular love, care, and provision for childhood. "Not the will of the Father that one of these little ones"; "Their guardian angels stand nearest the Father"; "The worst death conceivable would be preferable to the penalty of corrupting a child"; "Whoever takes a child under loving and helpful care takes the child and—me."

**The Teachers' Lantern.** It would be out of place to criticize the schoolboy clutching his pen with inky fist, or hesitating and blundering from his dog-eared reader. Time may be when from that same hand will come Spencerian calligraphy, or from those lips periods an Everett would not disdain. So chide not the apostle in the bungling, short-sighted notions of their novitiate. The end crowns the work. . . . True, they began with ambitions for self-aggrandizement—which should be secretary of state, and which of treasury, and all that; but they ended by giving the world the most sublime examples of self-abnegation of all the ages. Not in vain did the Master set a little child in their midst that day. . . . "I'm sure the Savior smiled." Some one said one day that we do not read that our Savior, when on earth, was ever seen to smile. A little girl heard the remark. "What," she said, "didn't Jesus say to the children, 'Come unto me'?" and they would never have come unless he had smiled!

"I'm sure the Savior smiled. Or else no little, trembling child had dared to venture near; No darkening frown, no angry word, Was ever seen or ever heard."

While Jesus sojourned here."

The two-Messiah idea prevailed to a considerable extent among the Jews. The psalms and prophecies obviously pictured a suffering as well as a triumphant Messiah. But it seemed impossible for the Hebrew mind to apprehend that the sufferer and the victor was such through his suffering. The disciples, in their novitiate, were ready to attach themselves to the victor Messiah, but they wanted none of the sufferer. . . . Evidently the apostles gave no such interpretation of Jesus' words. "Thou art Peter," as the Roman Catholic church has done, else the question of primacy would not have arisen among them. . . . Unhappily, hierarchical ambition and "ecclesiastical politics" are not yet extinct. The more is the shame and pity, since two thousand years have passed in which to learn the spirit of the kingdom. . . . The spirit of the little child who was willing to be employed by the Master—that is the animating principle of his kingdom. Not to be ministered unto, but to minister; not triple crown and jeweled eraser, but hairin and towel, are badges of highest distinction.

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